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#### Period for Reply

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2005.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-58 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) 1-13, 29, 32-52, 54-56 and 58 is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 16, 26-28, 30, 31, 53 and 57 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) 15, 17-25 is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Status**

Claims 1- 13 and 15-58 remain pending .

### ***Response to Arguments***

The Applicant's arguments entered on May 31, 2005 have been fully considered. The amended claim 16 is rejected in view of reconsideration of the references to Checchio (US Patent 6,023,682) in view of Sandberg-Diment (US Patent 5,826,245).

The Examiner submits that in the Sandberg-Diment reference the identification tag is not specifically associated with the first party's financial information and does not otherwise identify the first party

The previously indicated allowability of claims 26-28, 30, 31, 53 and 57 has been withdrawn.

See following rejection

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Checchio (US Patent 6,023,682) in view of Sandberg-Diment (US Patent 5,826,245).

As per claim 16,

Checchio ('682) discloses a transaction method

wherein a first party computer system transfers a payment token to a second party computer system in exchange for the subject of a transaction, (Figure 1)

Checchio ('682) does not explicitly disclose the method comprising the step of the first party computer system transferring at least one part of a payment token to the second party computer system via a third party computer system and wherein the payment token does not identify a first party; wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account ; Sandberg-Diment ('245) discloses the

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method comprising the step of the first party computer system transferring at least one part of a payment token to the second party computer system via a third party computer system and wherein the payment token does not identify a first party (Figure 2 [the two fragments of the account are sent via internet {3<sup>rd</sup> party}, each fragment in itself does not contain enough information to identify the consumer ]); wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account (Figure 2, column 2, lines 32-48 [the identification tag is not specifically associated with the first party's financial information and does not otherwise identify the party]). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Checchio ('682) method with the Sandberg-Diment ('245) method in order to enable the transaction to be processed in a secure fashion.

Claims 26-28, 30, 31, 53 and 57 are in parallel with claim 16 and are rejected for at least the same reasons.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 1-13 and 29, 32-52, 54-56 and 58 are allowable over the prior art record.

Claims 15, 17-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

*Conclusion*

Examiners note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Winter whose telephone number is (571) 272-6713. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached at (571) 272-6712.

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